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It is remarkable that in the following Narrative there is no mention made of the Name or Titles of the Embassador: but his Son is called Master Edw.d Clinton in one or two places which fixes the Person to have been Henry the second Earl of Lincoln. what is still more curious is, that there is no account of this Embassy at all noticed in the Peerage of this Family — J.B

In Birch's "Memoirs of the Reign of Elizabeth" however, this Embassy is mentioned in three different places the last of which concluding in the following terms, may in some

measure account for the silence of the Peerage, respecting it." That the Earl of Lincoln was returned from the Landgrave of Hesse, no less charg'd with most princely honours and liberalities, than he had left behind dishonours, clamours, and curses for his base miserliness and insupportable fancies, or rather furies.

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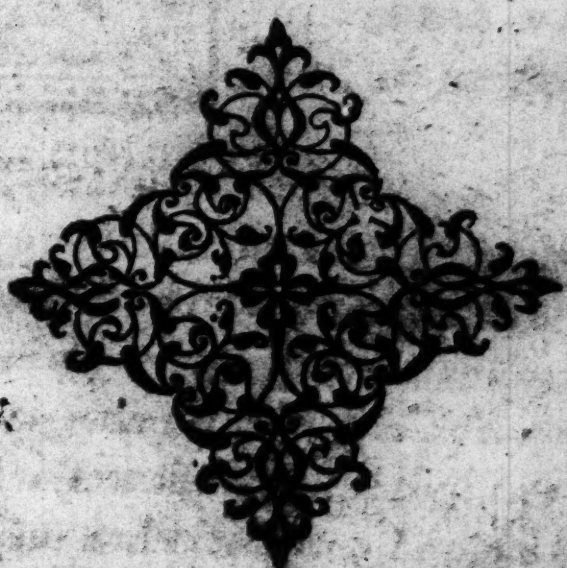

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To the Right Honorable Ladie the Ladie Marie, Countesse of Warwicke.

RIght Honorable, gessing at your La. acquaintance with the Princesse, and this (blast) beeing a matter of pleasure, fit for a spare hower in an afternoone, yet for the manner of it, worth the writing done in so good order, and greatlie to hir Maiesties honor by the Landgraue, I haue presumed (vnder correction) to put out and present your Ho. the relation of our entertainement in Germanie. Hoping by your La. protectiue, fauourable acceptation of it (to walke betweene these two hils whose perfections and excellencies I cannot highthen, but discouer, in the vale of my lowneſſe, and obscuritie if without thankes, for my labour, yet for my good meaning, without blame. Readie to be sa-

crificed for her ſeruice to whom of duetie we owe our ſelues and all our endeuors. Deſirous to honour him to whom of loue it is due hauing honoured her Highneſſe her Embaſſador and his companie ſo much, and to performe all good offices to your Ladiſhip.

Your Honours euer to commaund.

Edward Monings.

His Lordshippe came to *Brunswick* the 16. of August, where the next day in the morning, met vs a gentleman called (*Iohan von der Bruck*) sent from the *Landgraue* to attend and entertaine him. This shewed good intelligence, and care had of his comming, for the 17. day he was with vs betimes, commanded if he mette not the Lo. Embassadour there, to go to *Breme*. We gaue him entertainement, and when his Lordship was readie and called for him, he came and deliuered his message in french to this effect. That the *Landgraue* (his master) giuing him his titles, had sent him to meet, and in his name to welcome his Honour into his country, declaring howe long desired, and therefore verie acceptable his coming was, and therein howe deepely he stoode bounde vnto her excellent Maiestie, that it pleased her Highnes, so graciously to send vn to him, and greatlie beholding to my Lord Embassadour, that in regard of the length and danger of the iourney, had passed so greate a trauaile for his sake, with many other ceremonious and gratulatory speaches, till he came to the pointe, that vpon very vrgent and necessarie occasion, the childe was Christenned, telling the time of her birth, the 7. of Aprill, and baptisme the 27. of Iulie, with the giuing hir the name of *Elizabeth* by the *Landgraue Ludowicke* of *Marpurg* the Princes vnckle and eldest of his house who was appointed Debuty at the Christe-

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ning, but that the solemnitie was reserued till his Honours comming, and therfore diuers Princes, Lordes, Ladies, and gentlemen, inuited and commaunded to attend at the Court, and waite vpon him.

And because the *Prince* his master had beene giuen to vnderstande, of his Lordshippes hastening (as he did, and that with the venture of his health in the seruice) he besought him, to take such easie and conuenient iourneys as might be best for his honours prouisions by the way, and to that ende had sent him, to doe his Lordshippe all seruice and attendance. To which my Lo. making a regratulatory answere, after hauing giuen him good woordes, made him good cheere, and the next day we went fiue leagues to *Heldesheim* the 19. fiueleagues to *Hamel* (through the mountainous and pleasant woodie parte of the *Duke* of *Brunswicks* and the *Bishoppe of Padenborge* their lands, & so we came to *Hixtunne* in the *Stift* of *Cornu*.

At Hixtunne met vs another ancient graue Gentle-man called *Ranen von Asna luxen* a dweller in those parts, and who came with no message, but was sent to bring my Lorde to a castle of the *Princes* called *Zappenburch*.

This Castle is seated out of common passage, built vpon a hill, in a greate forrest, whither by a craggie and vnbeaten way we came late by mooneshine. My Lord Embassador, was receiued with all honor and expectation who through the souldiers ranked on both sids (as they be very cerimonious) went in with his Coaches to the inner Court, where he alighted, *Master Mezenburgh* Steward of the *Princes* house,

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& before sent Embassador into *England*, with a troupe of gentlemē of the Landgraues, met him at the staire foote, caried him vp by torchlight to his lodging & in the greate Chamber, made a long saluting, welcomming, excusing, reioycing, and thankfull oration in the *Princes* behalfe, which in few words was fully answered, and so we went to supper. The *Princes* Officers and gentlemen were appointed to waite, onlie *Master Mezenburgh* sat with my Lord & his companie to gouerne the table. His Lordshippe was serued with three courses after our fashion very pletifully & so were all his seruants to the meanest, with distinction of diet & great regard was had. And this action was in all things as honorably, as wisely, orderlie and exactly well performed, as was possible, for what the country did afford his Lordship had, or they could deuise by art, and order discreetlie was donne to honour him, insomuch that his entertainement as honorably as passed measure, as his bountie wisely kept proportion.

Heere his Lordship staied three daies, which was so apointed for his better disposition & refreshing, the first day he rested, & the second was the day of rest, & a latine sermon was made him: in the morning vppon Monday the weather brake vp, and for after dinner a hunting was appointed.

From the Castle we passed a league downe the forrest, into an open vallie, where the length of halfe an english mile, the Toyles were sette vp on both sides to keepe in the game: the pleasure of the place, was as much as the sport, for we were in sight of diuers Towns & villages, as *Quiddelburge, Rottam, Kellam, &c.*

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& from the hil *Schoneberg* (a faire hil) out of the wood, fell the game downe into the vallie, where in the middeſt, was a greene tent of cloth, ſet vp for my Lord *Embaſſador* with a rewe of bowes, to ſhaddowe the companie, hide their dogges and loſen them at the deere as they paſſed by, the country was vp on both ſides of toyles vpon waggens, with their broade bore ſpeares and doggs: in halfe an howre, ſix ſtags & two wild ſwine, which were the more ſpared for being out of ſeaſon, were cruelly murdered & ſo the ſlaughter ceaſed & maſter *Mezēburgh* taking his leaue went to prouide, at *Caſſel*. Thus loue & bounty ſtill went before vs in preparation and the next day we followed. The Princes owne coach couered ouer with a large carpet of blacke veluet, and laid with long cuiſhions drawen with 6 horſe, driuen by two Coachers ſuted in greene, after the maner of the Princes of *Germanie*, was prepared for my Lo. & his own engliſh Coach to follow with 6. horſe empty, except his Lord apointed any to go in it, ſix beſides were made ready for his cō panie, and thus prouided with waggans for our cariadges, readie ſet forward, the Princes gentlemen tooke their horſe, being gallantlie mounted, and with conuoy of the ſouldiers in the Caſtell, whome my Lord had rewarded, we were caried through a parke adioyning, a league out of the forreſt, where with a volly of ſhotte they tooke their leaues, and ſo went backe to *Zappenburch*.

We had 3 leagues to *Caſſell*, & within one, the way was ſtrowed at our cōming with horſemen, that put forward to meete my Lord *Embaſſador*. and ſtill our companie increaſed, who went the neereſt way ouer meadowes

meadowes, the ditches leueled and cut downe for the purpose, great expectation there was on both sides, and we were not frustrated, for within an English mile off the towne, vpon a rising ground piked out, going vp the hill, we discouered first a straunge fellow mounted vpon a Cammell, with the manner of a herald before him, this was a blackmoore of the Princes, sent a little on the one side before, to discouer our comming, and appointed to looke backe for a watchwoord, which when he had done, and kneeled downe a farre off, to my Lord Embassador with his beast, like to a cloud rising aboue the sunne after her set, betweene the light and vs, appeared a troupe of horsemen comming vp the hill, who in a statelie manner trotted toward vs.

They were thus marshaled, threescore swarte Ritters three and three in a ranke sternely came before, there followed sixe trumpets in the Princes colours white and red, after came a gallant sort of gentlemen euery way well and richlie appointed with iewels, and most of them chains of gold, there followed his emptie horses of honour and maintenance, belonging to his fendatorie *Graffschaffres*, caparisonned with white and red tafetie, with plumes and all their furniture sutable, after these six hinchmen two and two suted alike with chaines, helmets and iauelins in their handes: then came the Princes and the nobles and Master *Dorstetell* (going before the Dukes of *Hostein* and *Luneberg*, who were sent to meete the Lorde Embassador,) staied the troupes, which had passed along sidewise of vs, till these Princes met, who alighting, my Lord went out of his coach, and this Master *Dorstetell* came and made his speach in Latin,

full of receit, loue, and curteſie, ſhewing that theſe Dukes were ſent to meete and entertaine his Lo. by the way and to accompany him to the Princes houſe, which his Excellencie deſired him to vſe for his beeing there as his owne, for which my Lord thanked the Prince verie kindlie, and after hauing embraced the yoong Dukes, he was intreated to take horſe, and they ſet forward, the great ordinaunce diſcharged, &c. and with all pettie complements and ceremonies ſuch as Princes vſe for ornament, and to make (as their perſons are, ſo their actions to be more eſtimable to the common world) we entered with as manie hitters behinde as before, the whole number beeing neere 300. horſe, into the towne of *Caſſell*.

They were vp in armes, the captaines & cõpanies of the town ſtãding in order on both ſides of the ſtreets, ſtoutelie picke and gunne, euen to the Princes *Caſtell*. this his troup diſmounted and gon in, my Lord was brought to a ſtatelie vpper hall, where at the doore the *Landgraue Maurice* met and embraced my Lord Embaſſador. And in this honorable aſſemblie he deliuered his Embaſſage and his letters, to whome the Prince ſpake Latin, and after gratious entertainementes giuen, caried him to his lodgings, putting my Lord before him, where after all behauiour becomming ſo great a perſon, and wherein he had verie extraordinarie grace and facilitie he left his Lordſhippe.

His lodgings were fiue rowmes, which tooke vp one end of his houſe, being a goodlie quadrangle, ſomewhat more in length then in breadth, and like the *Louer* at *Paris*, hie and ſtatelie, he had two dining chambers, two drawing, and betweene theſe two, his

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bed chamber, for his more priuate and quiet being. His Lord. owne dining chamber was a very curious roome, made no doubt of purpose, to entertaine strange Princes, all of marble, the doores, the flower, the sides, windowes, roofe, and all things pertinent being of carued gray marble, and for the rareneſſe, I will more particularly describe it.

The doores are bordered about with timber to keepe the stone together, and comming in, the flower euen and smoothly paued, the chamber iuſt square, the sides made like a wentscot, with creſtings, indentments, and Italian piller woorke, and heereby deuided into 27 panes of carued Imagerie, to the halfe proportion of a man, bearing vpon their shoulder points, escouchons with the blasoned armes of his signories, the electors count of *Palatine* Duke of *Saxonie*, *Mararquiſh* of *Brandenburgh*, and other houſes of his friends and allies of the protestant part, ouer theſe an other course of indented doors and carued hollow woorkes diſtinct with pillers, and in this compaſſe next the roofe, on the fower sides fower stories carued, of the *creation*, the *paſſion*, the *reſurrection*, and *iudgement* verie cunningly done, in length about two yardes, compaſſed in with a frame of marble, as though they hung looſe, the roofe is wrought with knot worke, and thus to see to being in the chamber nothing but marble, whereof he hath the mine in his country, the trouble of his rowme is great in winter when to keepe the stone from cracking and looſening, the stone is continually kept hotte.

The next rowme to this was a faire square chamber hung with tapeſtery, where the gentlemen dined, for commonly at the marble table, where the Dukes of *Holſtein*, and *Luneburgh*, or the *Granes* of *Naſſaw*, and of

Zolmes, with Sir *Richard Fines*, Maſter *Brakenburie*, and others as it pleaſed his Lo. to appoint.

The third was a faire drawing chamber, ſeated round about, and couered with ſcarlet, aboue the ſeates hung round, with a rich ſmale wrought tapeſterie of an ell broade, of *Emblewe* worke, and verſes written vnderneath, ouer this vpon a ledge of wentſcot were diuers large tables of ſundrie deuiſes well painted with their poſies to garniſh the chamber, and among al, that was the beſt which had this *Motto* (*Maior autem horum eſt charitas*, for it waxed cold. The roofe was likewiſe flouriſhed with painting & deuiſes, theſe rowmes had the through light of fower faire windowes, and in this chamber were two ſquare tables, one richlie couered with a carpet of cloath of gold, and the ſeate laide rounde with fower long cuſhions of the ſame, which was extraordinarelie couered morning and euening for breakefaſt and banquet, two of the Princes groomes appointed alwaies to be heere and waite, and heere they ſat ſomtimes in conference and counſell.

Next to this was my Lords bedchamber, with two fait damaske field beds, prepared for my Lorde and maſter *Edwarde Clinton* his ſonne, the pariture of this rowme, was a painted tree that grewe vp at the doore, the bodie bulking out very naturally of ſtone painted barkelike, and the braunches ſpreading all ouer the ſeeling of the chamber, full of fruite, and hanged downe vpon the walles, with other pictures to fill vp emptie places. The ſtorie taken out of *Daniell*. There his Lo. had at a little ſide table, delicate preſerues and conſernes ſet and couered ouer with a vaile of laune wrought with gold and ſilke, and all thinges for his chamber verie fitlie.

Beyond theſe tower was there a faire drawng chamber hung with arras, which parted his honours lodging from the other ſide of the houſe, that ſo he might not any way be diſturbed. And now I ſpeake of lodgings, I wil diſcribe the manner, the ſtrength, and conuenience of the Princes whole lodging, being a thing worthe noting & then returne vnto his entertainment.

His Caſtell ſtanding vpon the riuer of *Fuld* betwene the two ſides of *Caſſe* ioyned with a bridge of ſtone generrally commaundeth the towne & countrie, and is particularly fortified for his owne dwellinge, for the firſt. A parcell of grounde of ſom 200 yeardes broad he hath incloſed on both ſides, which compaſſeth the towne & yet is impropriat any pleaſure or vſe of his owne. As for his walks, orchards, laying in his prouiſions of wood, &c. vpon the cuntrie, this is ſtomgly fortified, moated, countermured, mounted, bulwarkt, flanked, and withal poſſible fortification made ſo ſtrong, as he is there by eaſily able to preuaile againſt the ſeige of any outward enimie, and beat them from the fielde; vpon the towne, onlie ſhut vp with a ſingle wall, to keepe it priuate from the townes-men, that they may entende their ſtreetes houſes and trades, ſtanding more vpon the credit of their good ſeruice, then their libertie: Within this place, he hath a goodly armorie not much inferiour to the Duke of *Saxonie* where his ordinanee, armor, weapons, and munition, are kept in greate good order and readineſſe vpon any occaſion, all ſtratagemicall engines and deuiſes which belong to offenſiue or defenſiue exploites. Sucha kindo of forteresſe as this hath the Duke of *Saxonie* at *Dreſden*: The Duke of *Brunſwicke* at *Moll ſenbuttel* and the Duke of *Wirtenberg* at *Stugord* aboue his caſtle, for theſe I haue ſeene diuers

other Princes of *Germanie* which will be absolute, for they haue greate reason as the *Graue* of *Embden* knows by late experience, to be diffident of their subiectes that dwell in their greate townes.

For his priuate dwelling, his Castle is deepe and broade moated, to countergarde his house within the towne, where vpon the rampers twentie and fower are appointed to keepe continuall sentinel in order, his gates ar kept with a double garde, and two bridges, drawne vp euery night and garded, the inward part as I saide a square long court, paued and vated rounde aboute with a large greate vaute vnder grounde, which is vsed for his sellerage, full of vessell twentie, fortie and some of an hundred tunne, the lower rowmes are the Offices; on the right hand a common large great hall, and other common roemes and lodgings; on the left, the middle storie was vpon our side the vpper hall where his excellencie met my Lord Embassador, on the right side a verie goodly greate Chamber & on the left a gallerie answerable, which *William* the *Landgraues* father addorned with the pictures of all the Princes of Christendome from Anno 60. vnto 88. the number of 140.

The third storie are faire lodging Chambers rounde about the vpper end from the top to the bottom be-being the Princes owne priuate lodgings ioyning vpon the Chappell. The fourth and fifth stories for gentlemen seruants, &c.

On the backe side he hath faire tilt yards places for the Quintine, the running at the ring, rideing, and other exercises for his pleasure, gardens, with banquetinghouses, artificiall fountaines, and water workes, fish ponds &c. With his housed gardens of

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range trees, lemons, pomgranets, and diuers outlandish fruites, & simples, after the custome of the *Germane Princes* who in all outward things are very glorious and apparent.

But to his intertainement where I left, my Lord after an hower resting in his Chamber, the Prince sente two principall of his Counsell, to salute him and to know his Lor. pleasure, where hee woulde suppe, wishing rather if it pleased him, to keepe his chamber, after his trauaile then otherwise, and to appoint what hower he would for sermon the next day, which he did at nine.

In the morning master *Brackenburie* appointed the ordering of the chappell for the solemnitie, and Doctor *Gregorius Schonfelt Concionator aulicus Cassellanus*, who succeds master *Bartholomæus Meyer* in his supreme perintendencie preached, his sermon was brought ouer.

At the solemnitie my Lord was very richlie and well appointed, as became him, to her Maiesties honour, and his owne, and their admiration, sitting alone on the right side of the Chappell, in a place prepared for him within a traueſſe of the Queenes, the rowme hung with crimosin tafetie, with chaires and cushions of crimosin veluet, ouer against him satt the Prince, with the Dukes of *Holstein*, *Luue*, *Burg*, and the *Graues* of *Zolmes*, *Nassaw* and others, who did him all the sermon time greate reuerence by much standing, His Lor. performed it gratiously and master *Brackenburie* her Maiesties Gentel manusher stoode all the sermon time at the turning vp of the traueſſe, and with alowe reuerence gaue him first his praier booke which master *Cotton* of the warderobe had readie, after sermon they proceeded to the solemnitie, and first came master *Edward Glinton* taught by

the Gentleman vsher what to doe, with a goodlie rich cup of gold set with stone, wherein were comfits & with three reuerences they went both and presented it vnto her Maiesties deputie who tooke a tast, after they presented it, vnto the *Landgraue* and the Dukes who did the like, then came Sir *Richard Fines* in the same manner with a cuppe of wine, and last they went both, one held the basen, while the other gaue water, and the third the towel. When this was performed in the middest of the chappell, vpon a little pause, my Lord Embassador accompanied with this honorable traine, went towardes the Princesse her chamber to present the gift, whither before we came: we first passed through (in an vtter chamber) a garden of faire yoong ladies and gentlewomen clad in colours, who stoode like the rainebow, and they cõpassed the one halfe of the roume by which we passed into the *Princes* her bed chãber, where were none but Ladies, & a solemn presence. First stood three of the *Landgraues* sisters, the Ladie *Anna Maria*, holding the princes little sonne *Otto* by the finger. The ladie *Hedwig* and the ladie *Sophia*, the other sisters *Elizabeth* her maiesties goddaughter *Christina* & *Sabina* being dead, there was the ladie *Anna* countesse of *Nassaw* and manie of the *Graues* wiues, of the *Landgraues* countrie that waited on the Princesse. And she her selfe as *Horace* saith of *Iulium Sidus* stood by her bed side, *Velut inter ignes luna minores* with her Maiesties goddaughter set vppon the middest of a feeld bed of greene cloath of tissue, with white and greene plumes all verie richlie embrodered. The prince went with my Lord Embassador toward this fayre Ladie, and by master *VVroth* had speach with her touching her Maiesties good will towardes her, and the gratifying her with a present &c. which master *Mexenbirge* answered

answered, & while this was doing the presett was brought in, and set vpon the Cubbart, this doone the Prince, and my Lorde Emball. tooke their leaues, and left this sober companie of Ladies, and gentlewomen, as they founde them in their chambers, he brought my Lord to his loging and so they parted. Within halfe an howre after he sent him worde, it was his pleasure and desire, that his Lo. shoulde dine with him in his greate chamber and sit in state, which my Lord with some straining of curtesie tooke vpon him, he was set alone at the bordes end, the Landgraue and his Ladie sitting beneath him about two yeardes with the young *Dukes of Hollow.* and the *Graues* of *Nassaw*, *Iohn*, *Phillipe*, *Willelm* and *Ludowick*, the *Graue Phillip* of *Zolmes* of whittenstein, and others, at the bordes ende, there waited on my Lord *Sir Richard Fines* as cupbearer who in this iourney did her Maiestie great honour and seruice at the *Palsgraues*, as he went to *Venice*, he gaue the cup with three curtsies and essay, there waited with him Maister *Brackenbrie*, and thus was there a royall feast continued, in great solemnitie and varietie of excellent musike, and in the middest of Dinner, the Prince began a health vnto her Maiestie whome he often reuerently termed, mother, this health went round and while it was a drinking, there was a deuise of a castell serued vpon the table in a charger, which had a water running about it, with fish swimming in it (verie artificially doone) which shoot of, of it selfe is blowes as big as petronell, and all besmoked the roome with gunpowder, which with sweet perfumes burnte was soone avoided, after this royall dinner, the Ladies first withdrewe, and then the prince brought my Lord againe vnto his chamber, giuing him place, and honoring the person whome he represented,

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the most effectually, & affectionately he could. He staid not there an howre, but *Barriers* were in hand, which being set crosse the courte, all these states were at windows to see them aboue, and when the Iudges were set below, there came in two enfignes of pikes and shotte, that compassed them round, to keepe the peace, then came 15 to 15 Knights the one side in gilt armour, the other in siluer, who taking vp their ends, the herauld red their orders, and they went to their sporte, first with the speare, then the sworde, after pele mele and brake a maruelous deale of Iron worke, and while these hot Knights were swetting in their harnesse issues such a furious Ambuscado of crackers that flewe out of the barre painted ouer greene to hide the treason, that it parted them. This quarrell ended without bloudshed, & iudgements giuen, the Herauld proclamed triumphs for the day following, & the companie full of the pleasure, loue and honour of this solemne meeting dissolued, the Prince withdrewe, and my Lo. was priuate.

The next day the Prince sent my Lord by the High-marshall M. *Bennoberge* his good morowe, as hee did alwayes sometimes by one sometimes by an other greete him with honourable salutations twice or thrice a day, & the *Grome* of *Zip* was appointed to accompany my Lo. who being a fat corpulent man, had little to doe at their actiuities, after dinner his Lo. was caried to the Tilt yard, but without the Prince, hee was so busie about his sports, marshaling other men, and putting himselfe in order, beeing an actor in them the more to honor her Maiestie and the day. The first Triumphes were the running at the ring, wherein they had extraordinarie deuise of three circles wrought the one within the other with a Crosse paring them, and making differences of hitting,

aboue or below, on the right side or on the left, that in the middest being the compasse of a french Crowne: which was the best for wagers, no man might runne for vnder ten nor for aboue a hundred dolors; marie they might run a ruft, ther were iudges appoynted to decide these great matters who disposed of prises and the Lords and Ladies being placed in a open place builte for the purpose the Triumphes began. There came in first with sixe staffers and sixe Trumpets masked with their deuise the two Chalengers *Maistir Dowet* a verie proper horse-man and *Maister Dorsetell* a Counsellour, who ranne with all the rest and last one with another for the prise, then came there seauen Companies, which made seuerall entrances: first with musicke then with deuises, their Launce bearers and themselues following, and last their seruants and their empte trapped and Caparisoned horse.

The Duke of *Lunenburgh* brought in the *Seauen deadlie Sinnes*, and hee placed pride (indeed he vsed vs somewhat strangely) then came in an other compacie with the *Sciences*, and another with the *Nine Muses*, one came in *Post* two masked like the *Sunne* and the *Moone* whose deuise was the *Seasons* of the *Yeare* but of all the *Vnbekent riders*, came in like a Prince with his musicke of Sackbotes & Cornets clade in greene Tafetie to the ground sixe before and sixe behinde, with the most harmonious noyse that could be, answering one another like an *Eccho*. This kinde of muslke had a princely ayre, his deuise was or might be fitlie, the fowre Cardinall vertues, caryng the globe of the earth and sphere of heauen among them, & Consulting who after came himselfe masked like Ioue, riding all in white crowned, and with a imperiall swoorde in his hand vnder a Crimosin Canopie borne ouer him, whereon was written at the two endes *Præmia virtutis*, &

Bona inuidit on the one side *Virtute & Consilio* and one the other the Emblème of a fagotte with *Concordia simul manet*. After the lanciers came & his emptie horse, this vnknowen knight after hauing runne six courses whereof he missed, but one, came vp to the *Princesse*, and kept my Lord Embassadour companie.

Albert Otho Duke of Zalphis.

The Landgraue in his triumphes as in all thinges else kept so good decorum, that the best was reserued for the last, wherein the Princes her brother representing *Cesar* came in for his deuise with the fower Kings of *America, Africa, Asia, Europa*, so naturally sette out, euerie countrie in his kinde, for musike, attires of going caried before him in their seuerall fashions of coches and state as coulde be deuised, the credit of the Princes triumphs, was that they were costly all things being made newe for this meeting, that they were manie full of varietie, performed in season and good order.

After supper as their manner is vpon a triumph day there was a daunse, in the gallerie I spake of. The prince and my Lord Embassadour being set at the vpper end the *Duke* of *Holstein* began with the Princesse, and the *Duk* of *Lunebrugh* with the Ladie *Anna Maria* and so the rest of the Lordes and ladies in their order with drum and trumpet for their musick.

After the first setting in, there was a summonning of Knights that were to receiue fauours of their Ladies, either for their good runninge or their deuises that day. And when they had first been thanked, with commendations of their doing and exhortation with iniovnens giuen them that as they had donne that by way of exercise and pastimes, to honour the Prince and Ladies, so they shoulde be ready indeed vpon iust occasion to shewe their manhoode in the defence of

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them both and of their countrie, after they receiued some reward, and with a ranse with their Ladies gaue daunses with them, when these honours were donne the well deseruers this day, the triumphs for the next day were published, but to auoide satietie they were discreetely referred to the day after, a day of pause was put in betweene both, wherein they mett in councell. Thus entergreabley the time was passed and vpon Saterday the twentie seauen of August the principall deuise and triumph was performed.

There came in the morning an Embassadoure from the countie Palatine, *Dereon Sahenberg* who came to intite the *Landgraue* to be godfather to the *Paltzgraue* sonne and heire, there came in the afternoone in the middest of their sportes the *Paltzgraue* of *Zueienburch* with his Ladie and his little sonne but their comming was, onelie to see the Lord Embassadour.

Without the towne there was a castell builte, and the water drawne from the riuer to moate it about so broade that it bore a boate to and fro, the place for standings and perfourming of this sporte was railed in and made conuenient, and the substance of the matter was, of an enchaunter that had forsooth dwelte there long, and by two or three giants in his castell taken diuers prisoners Knightes and Ladies, and by his doings much endammaged his countrie, whereupon the Knightes of *Hessen* put themselues in armes and apointed a day for the incountering of the giants and the rasing of the castell, and the giuing libertie to a faire Ladie that was prisoner there, nowe for their defence they kept open tent and hunge out the Flagge of defiance to all knights that passed, who if disposed might by the sounding of

a horne first come in, and trie their valours and their fortunes, for by both these this Ladie was to be deliuered, and not otherwise, for triall of their dexteritie and valour there were fower thinges to doe, first to runne at the Quintin. Next the turney. Then the tilte without a pale: and last the sword and target wherein if the knight were at any ouercome he was prisoner, and for their triall there were Iudges, if he went through, yet had he a pointe of destinie to proue, whether it were his fate forsoth to drawe the enchaunted sworde out of a piller that stoode by the castell.

The *Knights* of *Hesse* came at their daie appointed, not to make deuises but to shewe their manhood, they were many and verie gallantlie armed and kepte in such order as (which graced the triumpth) there was alwaies a continued sporte, without intermission or losse of time and three or fower actions to be sene at once. The places were deuided with railes and as one thing was donne, there were wilde fellowes that loosened the chiane of the outer gate and let them by degrees vnto the but castel, the fats had apointed it for the *Dukes* of *Luneburgh* who drewe out the sworde, deliuered the Ladie, and brought out a straunge vgly companie from the castell which being gone the fire workes began for straungenesse and admirable deuice exceeding all the rest, some for mounting, some burning in the water, som for their straunge tearing of the aire vpright, some turning heere and there after an hundred fashions, brustinge out into such noyses and spectacles, as though heauen and earth had gone together. These and the rest were surely princely vanities, but betwixt iest and earnest there were two coronets of horsemen set to keepe the feelde, while these things were a doing, for it was late and night

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before they ended.

Thus full of entertainment it was time for my Lord (as he did wiſelie) to ſpeake of parting & not to put this royally minded Prince to too great trouble, who was within fewe daies to goe to *Amberg* and to meete the *Paltzgraue*. There ſhoulde haue been a daunſe this night as before, but being late it was performed in like manner as I tolde the next day being Sunday when the Prince, my Lord, the other Embaſſador, the *Paltzgraue* of *Zueinburch*, and his Ladie dined together in the *Landgraues* great chamber after a priuate & domeſtical manner, for by this time the extraordinarie cõpany was retired, the *Landgraue* ſupped with him in the Marble chamber wher he told him as it was giuen out before, that the next day morning he ment to ride abroade a hunting with his Lordſhipe.

Before they ſet out the *Landgraue* rode with him about his fortreſſe, ſhewed him the ſecret places of it, with his artogie appointing dinner to be ſerued in the garden at the banquettinge houſe, after in a barge we croſſed the water, where were coches ready and the Prince went that night tewo leagues to *Milſungen*, wher he reioyced and was exceeding merrie full of ſtate and grace in ſpeech and behauiour, his anſwere vnto my Lord I noted who ſaying to him vpon occaſion that the Prince of *Heſſen* was not there and therefore woulde he be the bolder. No my Lord quoth the *Landgraue* (in engliſh) the prince of *Heſſen* is not heere but the greate Huntſ-maſter. The next day he caried vs to his towne of *Rotenberg* which is ſo called of the red mouldes of

the hils yet betwene them runs a verie rich vale where this towne is situated. Heer we stayed two dais, & had a freshe fitte of entertainment with huntings greater then the first but in that kinde.

The Prince hath heere a goodlie house, where are one of the fiue choice things of *Germanie* which are the Armorie and Stabell at *Dresden*, the banqueting house at *Stutgart* the *hunts kammer* of *Munchen* and the hall of *Rottenberg*. Heere called he to his councells his lieftenaunt *Balthazar Gedel* a worthy graue wise gentelman, and whom the imployed vpon the bordets of the *Abbaye* of *fuld*, which is the *Emperours*. But to speake at length after a timely obseruation of this noble Prince whose rare giftes and vertues and discretion in the cariadge of himselfe, and manaaging affaires sufficiently discouer him, he is a perfect man (in my opinion) and a most perfect Prince.

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His bodie.

First a goodly personage, of stature tall & straight, for his proportion, of a good presence and a gallant countenaunce, manly visaged, with a faire big blacke eie, deepe abume haire, comlie in behauiour, gratious and preuasiue in speach. And this bodie hath a minde sutable vnto yt.

For his giftes of nature are great, sharpe to apprehend, and sound in iudgment, mingling his grauitie with pleasure, his courtesie with state, and honor, loue with stoutnes, thereby winning the affection of straungers, and keeping his subiectes in a louely feare, Master of his affections, temperat, bounded, not to change, in whom the vpper partes commaund the neather.

His minde.

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His education prince-like, generally knowen in all things, & excellēt in many, seasoning his graue & more important studies for ability in iudgment, with studies of pastime for retiring, as in poetrie, musike, and the *Mathemitikes*, and for ornament in discourse in the languages, *French*, *Italian* & *English*, wherein he is expert reading much, conferring and writting much he is a full man, a readie man, an exact man, and so excellent a Prince that a man may say of him without our flatterie as *Tullie* did of *Pompey*, *vnus in quo summa sunt omnia*, and for my priuate opinion I thinke there are but fewe such men in the world.

His experience in all good courses greater then his yeares, though for the inconstancies, aduantages, and courses of the bad world, it increase with time in all men. For art doth perfect nature & is perfected by experience. In his gouernment wise, in himselfe absolutely ruling vehement yet louing & beloued of his subiectes, void of cruelty or exaction, gentell, gratious, not gouerned by one nor distracted by many but aduised. And as *Traianus* the *Emperour* was called *parens patriæ* by the Romanes so hath this Prince a terme among his people of their (Goodnesse without end.) For his exercise giuen much to horsmanship, and to his lawfull pleasures, in the vaine of his age more giuen to spend then to gather, and whereas his Grandfather aduanced his house by matching with *Sabina Duchesse of Sauoie*, & his father with *Sabina Duchesse of Wirtemberg*, he hath married vertue and beautie, following rather the contentment of his mind like a great Prince, then the filling of his purse, or his greater aduancement chusing so vertuous and so beautifull

tifull as his countese by whom he had first a sonne named *Otto*, and nowe her Maiesties Goddaughter *Elizabeth*: his waies may prosper for they are right, and his counsels take effect, for they tend to pietie.

After his entertainmentes here at *Rarenberg*, he would gladly haue caried my Lord Embassador to his best house at *Smalecole*, for as he is goodnes without end vnto his subiectes, so shewed he loue without end to her Maiestie, but his iourney of *Amberg*, would not permit it, therefore we returned back by *Spanengberg* from whence he suddainly went from vs before, where at we maruailed but coming to *Cassel* he met my Lo. Embassador extraordinarily gallant, and receiued him so freshly as though he had but now begun his entertainment. This iudgment and discretion he vsed to the last, embracing this fauoure of her Maiestie, in the most estimable and kinde manner, that was possible, and shewing greater parts then of a duchman. Vpon parting he presented my Lord with Princely giftes, as cuppes of *Iuorie*, *Amber* & *Christal*, & to fit his humor with turkes & Ginnets, furnished verie richly, what other secret giftes were giuen betweene them, I knowe not: but after mutuall presents, and gratuities, dispatching of letters, and preparing for our Iourney to *Breme* the Prince sent one Master *Branch* for *Frence*, who went with vs, dined with the Embassador he and the *Duke* of *Lunenberg* and *Holsteine*, who after dinner in all termes of honour and of courtisie bad my Lord farewell. And so these Princes parted.

His Lordships entertainment in the Lowe Countries.

Cannot but in gratitude insert to this discourse a word or two of my Lordes bountifull and louing entertainment going and coming through the lowe Countries.

Wherein this good people shewed their gratefull minds vnto her Maiestie, as by whose Soueraigne Counsel & assistance (to say truly) they liue in that peaceable libertie wealthie and very florishing estate that now they are in, which is no little honour to her sacred persone throughout the worlde. That this kingdom which was wont to suffer, and be ledde by others, is in her time become Actiue so farforth, as through Christendome to be principal, for the setting vppe and maintenance of the truth, not onelie in her Maiesties owne dominions but abroader in spite of the world and the Deuil. *Etiam rumpantur ve Ilia Codro.* God Continue her, for his Christes sake.

The last of *July* my Lord embarqued from *Yarmouth* in a shippe of the Queenes & landed at the *Brill* where by the Ho. the Lord *Burroughs* appointment

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Captaine *Turner* his Honoures deputies Gouernour in the Garison, preuented the Burghmaisters in my Lordes entertainment, who were verie sorie for it desiring his Lo. to returne that way.

We crossed the water to *Maidensluse* and wente by scute to *Delft* where her Maiesties Agent Maistur *Gilpin* with Captaine *Iuxley* and some other gentlemen, met with my Lord and returned with him presently to the Hague.

The Princes were in seruice and at *Hulst*, but fiue of the states generall, one for *Gelderland*, one for *Frizeland*, two for *Holland Delft* and *Leadon* and one for *Ouerissel* came and entertained my Lorde, feasting and accompanying him, defraying all manner of charges and sent further letters of Commendations vnto other townes to doe the like taking order by one Captaine *Corbet* that when his Lo. came to *Delphzill* he should for his Honours safe conduct procure either a shippe of warre, or fiftie souldiers.

My Lord was at the *Hague* saluted further by the Countie *Edgmont* and the French Embassador & being desirous to see her, went and saluted the Princesse of *Orange* with her young sonne.

From thence we went to *Leaden*, where my Lorde was feasted likewise, and so at *Harle* and at *Amsterdam* it cost them two & three hundred guldens at a meale, for there was no spare, and for the most part they defrayed his Lo. wagons and his carriages.

From *Amsterdam* we sailed to *Enchuysen*, whither comming late, we came vnlooked for, and betimes

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in the morning went to *Harlingen* and the same day to *Lewarden*. His Honours entertainement in this Province passed all the rest, for they can better skill of it, *Friesland* being the more noble, though *Holland* be as honest. At *Lewarden* Maister *Doctmarus* the *Here Sassenburch* and others gaue my Lord Embassador courtly and gratious entertainement, besides the cost they bestowed of him which for his supper came to twentie pounde.

From hence we went to the territorie of *Gronningen* where the states keepe in continuall garisonne eight companies, whereof the one halfe salied out at my Lords comming, and caried him into the towne in greate triumph, the Trumpet and a Coronet of horne ging before him to his lodging on the market place, where aboue all that I haue yet spoken of in these partes, he was entertained and feasted.

In the morning the Seargent Maior caried him about the fortresse, and shewed him of the siege, and manner of taking it by *Graue Maurice*. After dinner foure or fiue of the principal accompanied him towardes *Delphzil* appointing Captaine *Gerbet* to goe with him, where my Lo. was likewise receiued at the watch-masters house.

From hence after hauing seene the sconse next morning we crossed the water to *Embden* where my Lord staying for answere from the Graue, for his coming, he was put to cost and so at *Leere Oldenburgh* and *Bremen*, where he staied not, but went to *Emden Cal*; and so to *Brunswicke* trauelled at greate

charge vntil he came to *Zuppenbuech*, and so likewise from *Cassel* till he came backe to *Lewarden*.

At our returne from *Cassell* we came downe the Wessel by *Munden Nuneburg Minden*, *Bremin*, where my Lord mette a man of warre of *Frizeland* and with him coasting and crossing the Ilands, came first to the schouse of *Northouer Horne*, and went from thence to *Dockum*.

At *Lewarden* againe they did him curtesie & defrayed his charges where he hoped to haue met *Graue Willelm* but he was at *Groningen*, we came the same way we went to *Amsterdam*, where were the states of *Holland* at their prouinciall Councel, there being a generall meeting within fewe daies after at *Lewarden*.

From thence his Lordship went to *Vtrecht*, where he had marueilous entertainement: it were a storie alone to report it.

From *Vtrecht* we crossed ouer againe to the *Hague* where *Graue Mautice* inuited his Lo. to dinner: here were the Duke of *Bulloine*, the Graues of *Hatlet Emden*, *Egmont* and many gallants; returning through we came to *Rotterdam* where he was entertained, and from thence to *Dordred* where likewise he was receiued verie honourablie.

At *Dordrech* my Lord tooke shippe for *Middelburgh* hauing appointed to conuoy him two men of warre where through *Zeland* by the townes of *Ter Gouse Zerricher Campher* and *Arnhem*, we arriued and at the English house my Lordes charges was borne by the Burger maisters, we hastened from the sickines to *Flushing* where the Lorde Gouernour Sir *Robert Sid-*

ney mette and receiued my Lorde into the towne accompanied with manie gallante Captaines and Gentlemen, being by, and prouided him of shipping and all thinges necessary for our passage imbarked the sixt of *October* and with a prosperous wind the seauenth ariued in England.

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